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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants are filing the present document concurrently with a request for continuing examination (RCE) for the above-noted application. In response to the Office Action dated 25 JUN 2002, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13, 14 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims by way of a continuation application.

Please amend the claims below to read as indicated herein. A version of the amended claims with markings to show changes made is included at the end of this document.

1. (Three times amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

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